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1. AMBASSADOR BREWSTER'S COMMENTS IN PARAS ONE AND TWO OF REFTTEL B SEEM EMINENTLY SENSIBLE TO ME. THEY APPLY TO CHILEAN SITUATION AS WELL. I UNDERSTAND THAT GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS ALSO EXPRESSED ON THESE POINTS AT THE RECENT ARA NARCOTICS COORDINATORS CONFERENCE AT CARACAS.

2. US NEWS MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE WHITE PAPER MAY HAVE LEFT SOME IMPRESSIONS UNINTENDED BY ITS DRAFTERS, SPECIFICALLY IN THE AREA OF DEMAND REDUCTION AND CONTROL OF MARIJUANA. ONE MEASURE WHICH MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN COMBATTING THIS MISUNDERSTANDING IN OUR HOST GOVERNMENTS, IN ADDITION TO THE ATTENTION-DRAWING CORRECTIVE STATEMENT SUGGESTED AT CARACAS AND BY QUITO, WOULD BE THE ISSUANCE OF THE WHITE PAPER IN SPANISH (AND PERHAPS OTHER MAJOR LANGUAGES) FOR DISTRIBUTION ON A SELECTIVE BASIS TO OFFICIALS AND PROFESSIONALS IN OUR HOST COUNTRIES. THE AVAILABILITY OF THE WHITE PAPER IN SPANISH WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE USEFUL FOR THE GENERAL ORIENTATION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS.

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3. I BELIEVE THAT THIS MISSION'S NCAP REFLECTS THE PRIORITY GIVEN BY THE USG TO NARCOTICS PROGRAMS, AND THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO THE CHILEAN ENVIRONMENT. WE ALREADY HAVE A FULL AND ACTIVE POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE PART OF THE GOC, WHICH IS DEVOTING ABOUT AS MUCH IN MANPOWER AND OTHER RESOURCES TO THE PROBLEM AS IS POSSIBLE, AND WHICH WITH DEA HELP HAS REDUCED THE PROBLEM OF COCAINE SMUGGLING TO AND FROM CHILE TO A LEVEL WHERE NOT A GREAT DEAL MORE CAN BE REALISTICALLY EXPECTED. ASSURANCE TO THE GOC THAT THE USG IS DOING ITS PART IS NOW AS IMPORTANT TO OUR NARCOTICS EFFORT IN CHILE AS IT IS ELSEWHERE.

4. I AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR BREWSTER THAT LIMITATIONS ON USE OF OUR FULL INTELLIGENCE ASSETS IS A PERPLEXING PROBLEM, WHICH SHOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION. THERE MAY BE SOME MIDDLE COURSE WHICH WOULD PROTECT BOTH THE RIGHTS OF DEFENDANTS AND THE SECURITY OF OUR INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS WHILE CONTRIBUTING TO THE ATTACK UPON THE TRAFFICKING NETWORKS.

5. THE MATTER OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT REWARDS FOR HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS IS ONE WHICH PRESENTS INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES BUT OBVIOUS DANGERS AS WELL. THE PROBLEMS OF JEALOUSY WITHIN THE POLICE AGENCIES, FABRICATION OF CASES TO GAIN REWARDS, POSSIBLE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES WITH US COURTS, ETC., SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY EXPLORED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS.

6. FINALLY, IT IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE THAT THE MATTER OF DEFINITION OF DEA AND CUSTOMS AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY BE RESOLVED, AS CALLED FOR IN THE WHITE PAPER. WHATEVER SOLUTION IS ARRIVED AT SHOULD BE MADE QUITE CLEAR NOT ONLY TO THE TWO AGENCIES CONCERNED BUT TO OTHERS WHO DEAL WITH THEM, INCLUDING OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.  
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